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REPORTAGE ON A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PRINCE SIHANOUK ON 22 MARCH IN PHNOM PENH)

(EDITORIAL REPORT) PRINCE SIHANOUK BEGINS BY ANNOUNCING A REPORT RECEIVED FROM A FRIEND CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF CIA AGENTS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND ASSEMBLY AND THE FACT THAT CERTAIN KHMER OFFICERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THE FRIEND OBTAINED THE NEWS FROM A CIA AGENT NAMED (GEORGES BROWN MALCOLM) DURING A FLIGHT FROM TOKYO TO SAIGON VIA HONG KONG. THE FRIEND REPORTED THAT MALCOLM CONFIDED THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE DECIDED TO ELIMINATE SIHANOUK SOON. HE SAID IT TOOK THE CIA TWO YEARS TO DEBUNK PRESIDENT SUKARNO.

PRINCE SIHANOUK SAYS THE AMERICANS WILL DO THE SAME THING IN CAMBODIA AS THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE WITH BEN BELLA, NKRUMAH, AND OTHERS. THE PRINCE GOES ON TO RELATE (MALCOLM'S) STORY THAT THE AMERICANS WILL USE TRICKERY INSTEAD OF INVADING CAMBODIA AND THAT DE GAULLE HAS STERNLY WARNED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AGAINST HARMING SIHANOUK AND CAMBODIA.

PRINCE SIHANOUK SAYS THAT (MALCOLM) PREDICTED THAT "BY THE END OF THIS YEAR THE COUP WILL SUCCEED DUE TO THE ACCOMPLICES WE HAVE SECURED IN CAMBODIA," THAT IS, SYMPATHIZERS IN THE KHMER ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNMENT, ROYAL PALACE, AND TWO HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS WITH LARGE DEPOSITS IN A SWISS BANK WHO HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH STAGING A COUP AGAINST SIHANOUK WITH THE HELP OF THE ARMY. PRINCE SIHANOUK ASSERTS THAT HE DOES NOT THE NAMES OF THE TWO OFFICERS WHO RECEIVE MONEY FROM CIA-OPERATED BANK DEPOSITS.

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